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RAIL PROJECTS FOR NCR
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Three priority rail projects for NCR` appearing in the `Hindu` dated March 29, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the details of problems faced in implementing the NCR projects as mentioned by the Member-Secretary of the NCR Planning Board;

(d) the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government for the proper implementation of the NCR Planning Board projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Railway Board had entrusted a study to RITES on identification of rail projects for commuter travel in National Capital Region. 28 sections were identified by RITES. Thereafter, a multi-disciplinary Technical Committee was formed which recommended following 3 projects to be taken up on priority basis:

Sahadara-Ghaziabad	-	13.8 km.
Sahibabad-Minto Bridge	-	17.2 km.
Dayabasti-Gurgaon	_	26.0 km.

It is proposed to implement these projects by forming two joint venture companies (JVC`s) with the concerned stakeholders.

The work of the preparation of the Detailed Project Report for these projects has been awarded by GNCTD elhi to RITES in August, 2001. The cost of the Projects and the share of the stakeholders will be worked out by RITES in the Detailed Project Report.

(c)to(e): Some of the major problems faced in the implementation of the NCR Projects relates to lack of enforcement powers under the NCR Planning Board Act, uniformity in taxes and resources.

Coordinated efforts have been made by the Government to bring uniformity in tax structure among the NCR States to develop the National Capital Region as Common Economic Zone A major thrust has come in this direction from the recommendations of the Conference of the Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers held on November 16, 1999 wherein a decision for adoption of minimum floor level of taxes at the National level, for all the States was taken.

Government has provided the NCR Planning Board Rs.29.67 crores as Plan funds during the 7th Plan, Rs.10 crores and Rs.12.25 crores in the Annual Plans of the 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively, Rs.135 crores in the 8th Plan and Rs.225 crores during the Ninth Plan. During the Ninth Plan, the Government also permitted NCRPB to raise funds through market borrowings as internal extra budgetary resources to bridge the resource gap.